

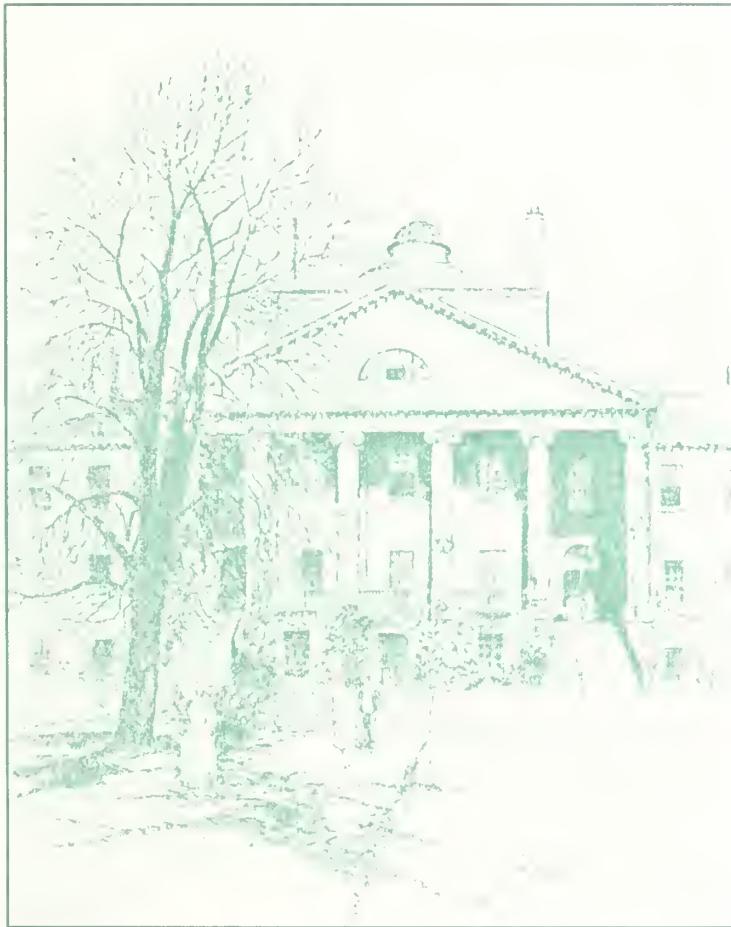
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Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night waits, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

—Phillips Brooks



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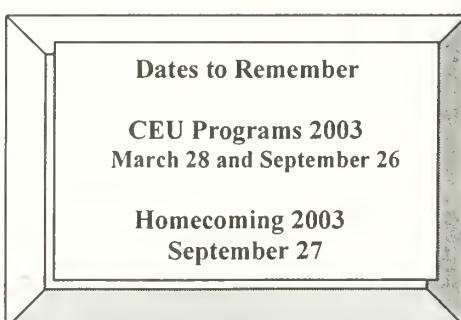
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A Message from the Editor . . .

It is time for another edition and I want to thank all who sent in class news. At this holiday season, it is a time to remember family and friends as well as all of our peers in the nursing profession. It is a season to remember, to share, and to acknowledge who we are and what we mean to those around us. It is also a time to reflect on what nursing means to us and what our nursing career has been because of the MGH. The Capital Campaign is well underway but as the holiday season progresses and the New Year starts do not forget that we need your help. The Sundial Sculpture to honor the nursing profession and the nurses of the MGH will be a fitting acknowledgment to us and to all nurses. Donations to the fund should be sent directly to the Alumnae Office.

This issue brings a first to you. The first student from the IHP Nursing program has been awarded the Student Paper Award and her article is included. We also have news of the 25th Anniversary of the IHP and other items that we hope will be of interest to you.

If you have articles or other information that might be included in the Record please forward material to me. I edit the Record but it is your newsmagazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it! Just remember that there are printing deadlines and your news must reach me by the dates listed in order to guarantee inclusion in that edition of the Record. The deadline for the Spring/Summer Edition is May 15th and the deadline for the Fall/Winter Edition is October 15th.

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. If you don't type or have a computer send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

Thank you for all your help and have a happy holiday season with our wishes for acceptance, compassion, and peace worldwide.

Linda Lass Orrell and Pat Murphy

P. S. If you have an address change, please let us know as soon as possible so that when we do mailings we can get them to you as quickly and efficiently as possible. And remember the Alumnae Office mailing address: **P. O. Box 477, Milton, MA 02186-0004** and an email address: **MGHNAA@aol.com**.

Watch for the new Web page that we hope to have available by mid December!

Note: The art work on the cover is from **The Quarterly Record** December 1932, Vol XXII No 4

**Annual Reports
of the
MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
2001-2002**

**Minutes of the
*Annual General Business Meeting***

September 28, 2002

1. The meeting was called to order by Jeanne Eskander, President at 9:05 AM.
2. The minutes of the September 2001 were read as published in the Fall/Winter edition of the **Alumnae Record**. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as read.
3. Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
4. The reports of the president and the Committee Chairpersons were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
5. The election results were announced by Linda Orrell. 505 ballots were cast.
President Elect- Diane Smith
Secretary- Marlene Norton
Board of Directors-Mary Caira and Jeanne Eskander
Nominating-Vareen O,Keefe-Domalski
6. A motion was made by Linda Orrell to destroy the ballots-approved.
7. Old Business:
Jeanne reflected on the time spent in her presidency and the accomplishments made. Diane spoke concerning the status of the Capital Campaign.
7. New Business:
Diane spoke on the possibility of new and exciting projects to look into for the future- possibly a book on Women leaders from MGH School of Nursing
Beth Friedlander inquired as to a home for the lovely MGH quilt. This is still being looked into as space remains a problem and some areas are in flux.
8. The next Annual General Business Meeting will take place on September 27, 2003.
9. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Secretary

President's Report

As my term as President of our Alumnae Association comes to an end, I've had time to reflect on some items our Board has been able to accomplish.

The association is now offering two high quality contact hour continuing education programs per year with the support of the IHP and the Department of Nursing.

The Board has added a Newsletter to its mailings thanks to the efforts of Linda Lass Orrell and her co-editors.

The association has provided funding towards the development of the Ruth Sleeper Learning Center at the new home of the IHP, the Catherine Filene Shouse Building in the Charlestown Navy Yard. In addition funding was provided for the creation of an historical exhibit in the lobby of the building.

Most recently, due to the unwavering efforts of Diane Smith, we have received permission to erect a statue dedicated to nursing and the nurses at the MGH on the grounds of the hospital. The amount of work put into this project was amazing and the amount of work that remains to bring this project to completion is more amazing. Without Diane's incredible commitment and that of her committee, I doubt that we would have advanced as far as we have.

In closing it has been a challenging experience and an honor to serve this organization as President over the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Cona Eskander

Alumnae Secretary

The Alumnae membership for 2002 including the 69 complimentary members is 1,143. Condolences are extended to all family, friends, and classmates of the 43 deceased members. Our Annual Fund Drive this year has received \$13,000, and the Capital Campaign is underway.

In August, the Alumnae office moved from the first floor to the second floor of Ruth Sleeper Hall. We obtained new furniture from the Nursing Department as part of this move and the office is organized and working.

Our indispensable volunteer, Miriam Huggard continues to devote countless hours to assist in maintaining the Alumnae Office. Special thanks also to Doris Morrissette for her help in keeping the office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Alumnae Secretary

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2001 the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association received a total of \$58,772.00 from bequests, dues, homecoming events, fund drives, donations, interest from bank accounts, and educational and homecoming events.

For that same period ending December 31, 2001, expenses from the general operations of the Association were \$105,690.00 and donations made were \$200,600. Therefore, the Association has a cash decrease of \$247,518.00. For comparative purposes, fiscal 2000 had a surplus of \$11,807.00.

Fiscal 2001's decrease in net cash flow was due to losses from investments and an increase in contributions. There were two awards issued, two scholarships issued, and no loans granted for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

A copy of the full financial report is on file in the Alumnae Office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Vetere
Treasurer

Communications and Publications

Two issues of the **Alumnae Record** were published this past year. This publication only is sent to active and complimentary members of the association. There has been an increase in the amount of news items received. Please remember that items that are not received by the deadline will be included in the next edition. Thank you to all who submit items. If your class never has news listed then you should take it upon yourself to get some news and send it in. The Association has also instituted a new student writing award and the first winning article will appear in the Fall/Winter 2002 **Alumnae Record**.

The other publication of the Alumnae is **Beyond the Cap** and it is sent to all graduates for whom we have addresses. These issues are distributed in between the editions of the Alumnae Record. We have received questions and concerns about the name of this publication. It is not meant to mean that the Cap is history but rather that as nurses and nursing has evolved we continue and even if we do not wear our cap in our work it is still a very important symbol of our entry into the profession of nursing.

Soon we will have our own web page with links to the hospital and the IHP thanks to the work of Doris Morissette. We hope to be up and at least started by mid December.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Chairperson

Program Committee

The program committee worked to put together two contact hour continuing education programs that were held in April and September at the MGH. Both programs were well received and were very successful. The program committee also put together the Saturday Homecoming program with speakers from the MGH and the IHP giving updates to those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Smith

*Sally Johnson
Felicia Fullerton Scholarships*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following nurses were awarded Fullerton Scholarships:

Beth Mooney Friedlander-- class of 1980- pursuing PhD in Education

Suzanne Fusini-Collins----- class of 1981- pursuing MBA in Business Administration

Vareen O'Keefe Domalski- class of 1971-pursuing EdD in Executive Leadership

Elizabeth Carps Stephens----class of 1978-pursuing Masters in Family Health Practitioner program

We wish the current scholarship recipients the best as they pursue their education.

The Johnson Scholarship was not given and continues to grow financially.

To apply for a scholarship, please contact the Alumnae office for an application. Requirements to apply are listed on the application, which also is published in the Record. They do include being an active (dues Paid) member of the Alumnae.

Each nurse is eligible to apply and reapply for scholarship awards up to a total of \$8,000 over a lifetime. The scholarships are only for tuition costs.

We wish the current scholarship recipients the best as they pursue their education.

Respectfully submitted,
*Marlene Norton, Chairperson
Lucy Nisotel-Tannenbaum
Carolyn Wortman*

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund

This year the Loan Fund received no applications for loans.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (2%) to those returning to school and encourage alumnae to apply. Applications can be obtained from the Alumnae Office or in the Alumnae Record.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Chair

Bertella Tompkins Fund

In the past year the fund has received two requests for financial assistance for medical needs, which were granted. We invite graduates in need to contact the committee. Thank you to committee members Dorothy Mahoney and Miriam Huggard.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Chair

Hospitality/Service Committee

We continue to try and keep in touch with older and frail alumnae but we depend on you, the alumnae, keeping us informed of shut-ins and anyone alone or in the hospital who would appreciate hearing from us. Last Christmas we sent small remembrances to about 20 members and Christmas letters to the senior classes.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Huggard
Carolyn Thayer
Co-chairs

Historian

It has been an interesting year with many things to report. We continue to pursue oral history videos of senior members of the association and to maintain the archives in the Alumnae Office. We worked with the IHP in getting materials for the historical display in the lobby of their new home. And in September the association received a bequest from the Heslin Estate (Phyllis Brissette Heslin class of 1939 and her husband Dr. James Heslin who had been an MGH House Officer). This estate totaled \$284,380.00 and is to be used for historical or archival purposes or for the promotion of the nursing profession.

The Board will be discussing a more defined statement for the use of these funds over the next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Miriam Huggard
Co-Historians

Nominating Committee

Once again this year the nominating committee had to work very hard on recruiting candidates to serve on the Alumnae Association Board. Fortunately there was enough Alumnae willing to serve to fill all openings but we need your support and help in the future.

Please remember if you are interested in becoming more involved with the association and can attend meetings in Boston for 6 Board Meetings a year, please call or write the nominating committee at the Alumnae Office.

Congratulations and welcome to all of the new and returning Board Members and Officers. All of these positions are voluntary and new faces are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Vareen O'Keefe-Domaleski

IHP Representative/Endowment Fund

The Association continues to maintain a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. The Endowment Fund Committee met and distributed the income from the fund to defray nursing faculty salaries.

The Association also actively participates in the Generalist Completion Ceremony and the Hooding and Graduation Ceremony for the nursing program. We co-sponsored Continuing Education programs in the Spring and Fall with the IHP and the Department of Nursing and will co-sponsor again in 2003. Watch for the flyers on the program. The IHP new and permanent home in the Charlestown Navy Yard was dedicated at the time of the 25th Anniversary of the program on June 15, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Stahl
Representative

Capital Campaign

We are delighted to report the fund raising for the Nursing Sculpture has been very successful; to date we have raised \$29,000.00. Our expectations have been exceeded, thank you to all that have contributed. The project has generated great financial support and most important a renewed enthusiasm to our overall mission.

At home coming on September 28th the 50th Reunion class was so spirited; under the direction of Gracie Presswood they have worked diligently for the Capital Campaign. They donated \$5450.00 dollars at the luncheon. This combined with the donation from the other section of the 50 year reunion class brought the 50 year contribution to \$6000. For those of you who were not in attendance there was great applause and thanks to the efforts put forward by the class members. The highest donation of the Alumnae Association from a reunion class prior to this generous gift was \$1,200.00. Our thanks, once again, to all the class members.

At the Clinical Update on September 27th we received a single donation of \$5000.00. Our very special thanks to the individual who was so very generous and thoughtful; the donation was made in memory of Ann Cahill, Miss Coghlan and a member of her class. What a wonderful way to recognize the memory of people who made a significant impact on her life.

The support and enthusiasm that has been shown in our early efforts of fund raising hearten us. All of the people who have given large and small donations are so very much a part of the overall success of the sculpture.

We encourage all of you to think about the Capital Campaign during the holiday season. A donation to the Capital Campaign will be a lovely holiday remembrance for your friends or loved ones to recognize you. At the end of the year when you making your charitable donations please remember the capital campaign. Women historically have not supported their educational institutions as generously as men; make this your year to support MGH. The Capital Campaign is also an excellent way to make memorial donations. To date we have received several donations in memory of special people connected to alumnae and their friends.

The sculpture is an elegant representation of nurses and the art of nursing throughout the ages; nurses who bring special knowledge and skills to the care of their patients. The sculpture represents the caring, the knowledge and the universality of the nursing profession.

Please make your donation today and make plans to visit once it is in place at the MGH. Our goal is to have the dedication next September prior to Homecoming.

Repectfully submitted,
Diane Smith
Chair

Homecoming – 2003

Homecoming was attended by 160 alumnae members and guests this year. Special guests were acknowledged at the luncheon: Helen Sherwin, Natalie Petzold, and Nancy Schon (the artist who has been commissioned to create the Sundial Sculpture).

The reunion year classes were also acknowledged. The oldest class represented was the class of 1937, Miriam Huggard. The 65th anniversary year, class of 1937 had only one member attending, Elva Proctor. The 50th anniversary year, class of 1952 had forty-four members present. The 40th anniversary year class of 1962 had twenty-four members present. The class of 1976 had seven member for their 25th. There were two members of the class of 1980, the youngest class in attendance this year. There were quite a few members who traveled from California and Washington for the Homecoming and all were recognized at the luncheon. Many thanks to all of the members of the class of 1952 for their incredible effort to give \$6000 to the Capital Campaign.

The Alumnae gave a Certificate of Appreciation to the Worcester County MGH Club in recognition of sixty years of service to the graduates from the Worcester area. Two members from the group accepted the award.

The major event of the luncheon was the awarding of Honorary Membership to Miss Natalie Petzold. There was an overwhelming response from all present when the award was announced and a very surprised but delighted Miss Petzold received her award.

At the end of the luncheon, busses took the attendees to the IHP in the Charlestown Navy Yard for dessert and a tour of the new building.

It was a wonderful day and hopefully next year more alumnae will be able to attend.

Homecoming Photos

Photos included in this issue may be ordered through FAYFOTO, 45 Electric Avenue, Boston, MA 02135, telephone 617 267 2000. All reunion year photos should be ordered by year. Copies are available in 5 X 7 size for \$10.00 and 8 X 10 for \$15.00 each. The price includes postage and handling. Orders should include the year and section, a check covering the cost of the order payable to Fayfoto, your full mailing address as well as phone number. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Balfour Items for Sale

Balfour still supplies the MGH nursing pin, to order you need to specify the Spec. Ref.#143990 and the die # S229. The cost (as of September 2002) plus state tax is as follows: 14 k yellow gold at \$190.00, 10 k yellow gold at \$145.00, gold filled at \$63.00. Order from Balfour: O'Brien & Johnson Inc. 1 800 972 5398 Att: Carol Esmeraldo.

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Note paper (10 cards)	\$10.00
Mugs	\$10.00
Umbrella Blue	\$15.00

For each order please add \$4.50 to cover postage and handling.

Send your order with a check to cover the items requested to the Alumnae Office.

Please allow 2 - 3 weeks for delivery.

News Notes

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Doris Morrissette of DGM Associates the Alumnae will soon be on the Web. The order for web hosting and the domain name registration is done. Our web page name is: www.massgeneralnaa.org. The bulk of the design work should be completed by early December. The web page will have announcements of up-coming events, contact information, a picture gallery, links to other web pages (MGH, IHP, the editor), and just a better way of keeping in touch. Remember at the beginning it will still be a work in progress but check it out.

www.massgeneralnaa.org

Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date - Save the Date

On Friday March 28, 2003 the NAA will cosponsor a full day continuing education program with the Department of Nursing at the MGH and the Institute of Health Professions. This will be an inexpensive high quality program that will attract many and we know that the space we have is limited. So save the date and when you get the flyer in the mail register immediately. This is one program that will sell out - so make sure that you are not left out.

Worcester County MGH Club

Janet MacMillan '62
110 Elmwood Street
Auburn, MA 01501
508 799 5160

Yes, the Worcester County MGH Club is alive and well. We last met in October 2002 to visit and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Worcester County MGH Club at O'Connor's Restaurant for lunch. There were two new members at the luncheon. The Alumnae Association presented the group with an award recognizing the 60 years of the club.

We would like to see more MGH grads at our gatherings. If anyone out there knows any grads in the area, please contact me.

We meet twice a year, May and October, for lunch and conversation. Hope to hear from some new folks.

The Sundial Sculpture

Capital Campaign

Nancy Schon, a sculptress, well known in the area for her "Ducklings" (from *Make Way for Ducklings*) in the Boston Public Garden and the other ducklings that are in a park in Moscow has been commissioned to sculpt a Sundial to honor the nursing profession and nurses of the MGH. The Association has received approval to proceed with the project from the MGH Trustees who have agreed to let us place the finished sculpture at the hospital hopefully on the Bulfinch lawn. At this time the artist is working diligently to get the final work completed so that it can be installed and dedicated next September.

The sundial represents timelessness and the fact that nurses work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The bronze dial is 7 feet in diameter. It is round and represents the cycle of life. Nurses of today are at the beginning of life and at the end. This sundial will also tell time! The Gnomon is the triangular plate set perpendicular to the center of the dial that tells time. The first figure (past) is shown carrying a lamp, indicating Florence Nightingale. The second figure (present) is shown holding a book, indicating the important intellectual and educational changes in the profession. The third figure (future) is shown carrying a Globe representing the universality and multiracial aspects of nursing and nurses, and that nursing and nursing education exist in both the real and expanding virtual worlds. The three are represented by Greek goddess: Athena goddess of wisdom, Aphrodite goddess of love and beauty, and Artemis goddess of hunting who protected the young and looked after maidens in childbirth. At the back of the Gnomon is an MGH cap and the quotations of Florence Nightingale and Ruth Sleeper. The granite pedestal is 10 feet in diameter and made from Chelmsford granite, a native stone having a thermal finish. It is 18 inches high for sitting or for sitting on the grass and leaning against.

We Need your donation today to make this sculpture a reality

Please list me as a donor for the Capital Campaign for the Sundial Sculpture gifted to the MGH to honor the nursing profession and the nurses of the MGH

Name: _____

Address: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Gift in honor of (if desired): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Mail your gift today to: MGHNAA, P.O.Box 477, Milton, MA 02186-0004
Gifts to this fund are tax deductible.

Matching Gifts

Today more companies are letting employees determine where their charitable donation dollars are spent. This is done through a “Matching Gift” program. The major criteria most corporations have to determine if donations can be matched is that the donation is to a designated 501c-3 non-profit organization. The company also requires that the organization receiving the funds fill out their matching gift form and return it with the proper tax information for their records.

If the company you work for offers a “Matching Gift” program, remember your donations to the Alumnae Association are probably eligible. Check your company policy today. Then when you send your donation, send us the company form for matching funds and we will do the rest. Help the scholarship funds grow by doubling your donation through the Matching Gift program where you work.

Scholarships and Loan Funds

The last two pages of this edition include the applications and requirements for both the scholarship monies and the loan funds available from the Alumnae Association for active members. Please read them and if you are in school or are returning to school and are eligible for either submit your application by the deadline dates listed.

Applications should be sent to the Alumnae Office, Att: Scholarship or Loan Fund. If you have any additional questions call Carolyn Thayer at the Alumnae Office.

In Memorium

1931	Anne M. Huggard on July 17, 2002.
1935	Mary Ross in July, 2002.
1937	Grace Taylor McGaughey on September 23, 2002.
1940	Irene Lajoie Goodwin on October 7, 2002.
1941	Elsie Baxter Tomlin in 2002.
1942	Mary M. Maloney on March 18, 2002.
1947	Betty Jane Cassidy Evans in November 2001.
1948	Virginia Delong Kalvin on July 25, 2002.
1948	Mary Picard Jackson on September 21, 2002.
1949	Margaret Cater Premo on May 8, 2002.
1957	Carol Smith Mason on September 3, 2002.
1958	Janice Jacobson Kavanaugh in 2002.
1959	Martha Coggeshall von Dette on Ocotber 13, 2002.
1962	Rebecca Norris Nicolina in January 2002.

Award to the Alumnae Association

Rochester General Hospital recently contacted the MGHNA to ask for a representative to attend their Nursing Excellence Award Ceremony in order to accept the Century of Service award on behalf of the MGH School of Nursing. This award is sponsored by the Baker-Cedarberg Museum and Archives at RGH.

"This special award is being given to the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association, for their contributions in the development of nursing in the Rochester. Between 1880 and 1923 more than a score of MGH graduate nurses served in various capacities from administration, supervision, organizing and teaching in our hospitals and schools of nursing. They led the fight for the 1903 nurse practice act, established national, regional and local organizations. Through Sophia Palmer, Eva Allerton, and Mary Keith nursing was raised from a servant's position to a profession"

I was delighted to be able to travel to Rochester to attend the October 24 ceremony. The Century of Service award was the final award given in an afternoon of honoring RGH nursing staff for their ongoing contributions to patients and families in their care. The folks in Rochester were gracious and welcoming. A tour of the hospital, museum, a luncheon and later a reception were part of the day's events, and the glimpse of nursing history as it was lived in another time was inspirational and made me feel very proud to be one in a long line of MGH grads who have made such important contributions to the health of our society. A wonderful plaque commemorating the events came home with me, and will find a place of honor in the archives of our professional history. The plaque will be on display in the Alumnae office.

Vareen O'Keefe Domaleski
Representative for the Alumnae

Homecoming 2003

Next year Homecoming will again be at the Radisson Hotel Boston. In order to assist reunion years and those coming from a distance we will secure a room block at the hotel at a reduced rate (parking is additional). Space available is limited so make your reservations early. You should call the hotel directly at 617 482 1800 or the toll free reservation number 800 333 3333. When making your reservation asking for the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association Group rate. Space is very limited so book early and the hotel has already said that reservations made after September 4, 2003 will only be on a space available basis and **not** at the group rate but at the prevailing room rate. Remember this is prime foliage time in New England.

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A CENTENNIAL REVIEW
1873-1973

***THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
SCHOOL OF NURSING***

BY
Sylvia Perkins

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The Next Twenty-Five Years
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By
Karen Wolf

Available for \$15.00 per copy

Both Books can be purchased as a set for \$25 per set.

An Alumnae Tribute

A history of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
And Summary of the 125th Celebration – 1999

By
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Available for \$15.00 per copy

All three books can be purchased from the Alumnae Office.
Please add \$6.00 shipping and handling to each order.

The IHP Corner . . .

Student Paper Award

The MGHNAA is accepting submissions from the students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award. The awards will be made in October and May annually. Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year. The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing. The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- A \$500 cash award
- The paper will be published in the **Alumnae Record**

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The following is the first recipient of the Student Paper Award. This award was presented in October, 2002 to Danielle Cardello of Revere, MA a student in the nursing program at the IHP. Our congratulations to Danielle.

We hope to have an award recipient paper in every edition of the **Alumnae Record**.

Nursing
Danielle Cardello

When asked why they wanted to be a nurse, most nurses replied that they enjoy taking care of people that are ill and that it makes them feel good to help in the care of others. Many who choose to go into nursing want to be an integral member of the healthcare team and want the opportunity to work closely with, and to improve the health of their patients. In a profession that incorporates such strong values and high moral standards, why then are we in the midst of such a severe nursing shortage?

The answer is multifaceted. The median age of nurses is increasing leading to an increasing number of retirements, and enrollment in nursing schools is steadily decreasing. In an era of improving healthcare practices and technological advances, patients are living much longer and are developing complex forms of illnesses and diseases requiring highly skilled nursing care. The other piece of the problem is that there is a growing trend of new nurses entering the field and leaving nursing only after a few years of practice.

New nurses tend to begin their career with high expectations, eagerness, and satisfaction in their chosen careers. They have a sense of pride in their profession and feel honored to participate in the care of their patients. However, somewhere in the midst of a 12-hour shift, mandatory overtime, six assigned patients, and no time for lunch, they tend to lose sight of the miracles that they participate in on a daily basis. They run the risk of becoming so stressed with the high paced environment and high acuity of their patients, that they forget the reasons that they entered nursing in the first place. It is all of these factors that can contribute to nurses, both experienced and new, leaving their chosen profession to join the ranks of competing professions that love to have nurses as part of their team.

As we all know from articles and editorials in newspapers and in magazines across the country (as well as from our own experience in the workplace), nursing is facing an epic staffing crisis. We do not have enough nurses to care for the sick in the hospital, in the community, and in the home care setting. This shortage has been growing in the past years, with fewer and fewer registered nurses to take the place of the increasing number leaving the profession for various reasons. It seems that the further we fall into this staffing crises, the greater the effects are felt on the patients and on the nurses remaining in the field. As a result, many of the patients are not able to acquire the nursing care that they need in the community and in the home. Patients in the hospital also feel this burden on overworked nurses and morale amongst nurses is low.

As with any crisis, there must be a reason, a triggering event, that is fueling the fire. The further we travel through this nursing shortage, the more visible the source of the pressures causing the shortage are becoming. It is beyond argument that there is a significant degree of job stress and pressure inherent with nursing, especially in a hospital environment. At times every nurse has walked away from work feeling as if they never wanted to return. But, is the stress different than any other job or profession? It certainly

is not! We cannot linger on these few bad days. There are far many more great days when we don't want to leave our post. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing color return to a sick child's cheeks, or helping an accident victim recover from injuries so that he may move forward in life.

Nursing has something to offer its practitioners, something more than any other job. While it may not offer the high paying salaries and flashy incentives of some professions, it can offer the strong emotion and the passion that nurses feel when working with their patients. Of course there are stresses and long hours, but it is time that we stop focusing on the negatives and recall the wonderful experiences that we have all shared. It is crucial that we share our experience and our pride in nursing with our families, our friends and the public. We must examine the public's view of nursing and determine the reasons for the nursing shortage and ways in which to combat it.

The shortage is due in one aspect, to the media. This is not to say that there are not other factors and that the system in place needs no refinement. However, the treatment that the profession has been receiving in the media over the past several years is beginning to take its toll on morale, on staffing, and on enrollment to nursing schools. The media glosses over the images that draw people into nursing; the images that we are presented with on a daily basis. Never do we hear about the nurse that held the hand of a dying oncology patient and supported the family during this tremendously difficult time, rather we only hear a focus on the negative aspects of nursing.

There is some truth to the media coverage. Nurses are facing increased job stress, salaries relatively diminished compared to other professions, and the rising cost of education. These factors are indeed daunting to many and in fact will dissuade some people from entering the field, but would the matter be so significant without the sensational coverage provided in print and on TV? Despite the image shown, those of us who know the profession remain dedicated to our job despite the bad publicity and occasional job stress. We do this because we know the truth about nursing. It is time that we let others know the truth as well.

Some nurses have retired, others have moved on to different fields, and fewer applicants are entering nursing schools to fill the lost jobs. The result of these factors is that there are fewer nurses available to fill more jobs than at any other time in modern nursing history. The factors that motivate a person to enter nursing are community service, compassion for others, and social awareness, and these factors are as strong and as compelling as ever. The current shortage cannot be blamed on a problem with nursing or with nurses; it is a problem caused by a lack of information of the part of the public.

People are not being shown the good that nurses do and the satisfaction that they receive. All that people see are the sensational media headlines that tout strikes, low wages, and lack of support as the incentives to enter nursing. Frankly, I don't blame many for not entering nursing given the images that they are shown. I don't think anyone would enter a profession that they perceive to be unappreciated or overworked. The fact of the matter, as we all know it, is that this image is dead wrong. The way to reclaim the pride in our profession is to let people see the good in it. This can occur both on a personal

level, reaching those close enough to hear us by being enthusiastic about nursing, and universally by banding together to combat these negative images displayed on TV screens and in newsstands. There is nothing wrong with nursing, and there is nothing wrong with people today that makes them less suitable for nursing. People just need to be informed about the good that we do and the truth about the profession.

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Celebrating Teaching, Learning and Research: 25th Anniversary and Dedication of the Catherine Filenes house Building June 14 and 15, 2002

Dinner Welcome Remarks by Ann Caldwell, June 14, 2002:

It is my great pleasure to welcome so many distinguished guests to this celebratory dinner. You honor us by your presence. I hope you are bursting with pride - as I am - in the remarkable institution we celebrate tonight.

Gathered in this room are founders and leaders who conceived this new enterprise, the MGH Institute of Health Professions, more than a quarter of a century ago, and the faculty and alumnae, staff and benefactors who have brought that founding vision to fruition.

Eight individuals have served as CEO of the MGH Institute of Health Professions since 1977, when the hospital first received degree-granting authority but there were as yet no students and no faculty. Some were called provosts and some were presidents and seven of us are here this evening. I ask you to stand and be recognized:

- Nancy Watts
- Julian Haynes
- Robert Buchanan
- Alan Jette
- Patrick McCarthy
- Maureen Groer

In addition, four MGH CEO's have supported the creation and development of the Institute and three are here this evening together with the family of John Hilton Knowles, their predecessor who first envisioned an MGH University. Please recognize:

- Charles Sanders

- Robert Buchanan
- James Mongan
- Family of John Hilton Knowles

We are also very pleased to welcome a number of the founders of the Institute. Success has many mothers and fathers, so there is a danger in compiling and publishing such list that someone will be forgotten. I am especially grateful to Nancy Watts and Hannah Potter for their bravery and conscientious efforts to identify all those who were part of the early planning. I have received many letters and calls from founders who could not be here tonight but remember the excitement of starting something entirely new. Among those founders with us tonight are:

- Lorraine Baugh
- Barbara Berkman
- Mary Carey
- Nelson Darling
- Ern Haddad
- Annie Galbraith
- John Lawrence
- John Locke
- Henry Mankin
- Larry Martin
- George Putnam
- Helene Sargeant
- Cynthia Snow
- Mary Watkins

Finally, this evening, this building, this institution would not be possible without its benefactors and their philanthropy. The Trustees of the Catherine Filene Shouse Foundation were first to share our excitement about this building – please welcome Tish Emerson, Bill Miller and Camille Warren, please join me at the podium. And now may I ask all who have been generous donors in support of the campaign for this building to stand. Tish, Bill and Camille, you can see the philanthropy you inspired in others.

Thank you all.

I truly believe we each stand on the shoulders of our predecessors and it gives all of us associated with the contemporary Institute great confidence to have so many shoulders to stand upon.

After Dinner Remarks by Ann Caldwell:

I was attracted to the Institute five years ago by Matina Horner and by the opportunity to learn about the forces of change buffeting health care and whether similar winds of change might soon impact higher education. And though I have spent most of my professional life in academic administration at old and well-established institutions, I

thrive in a changing environment – where the opportunities for creativity are the greatest and where it is truly possible for individuals to make a difference.

As I have told former colleagues at Brown, I thought I had died and gone to heaven when I came to the Institute – where there is no tenure, no football team, no student residence halls, and until recently, no parking - all the things that give administrators nightmares on most traditional campuses. More importantly, I found in the Institute an academic mission that continues to push the boundaries of higher education, much of which is itself struggling to adapt to changing expectations. The Institute need not shed the baggage that impedes change in higher education because it never acquired that baggage. Of course, now that we own our own building and have a mortgage, thanks to all of you and Partners, we're a bit more weighted down than we used to be. And yet as one of our founders said when she first entered this building, "This is the first time I've been able to think of the word stability and the Institute in the same sentence." And how could you not think that within these wonderful old granite walls!

It will be a challenge to continue to foster the creativity and individual accountability in the future that has characterized the Institute in its first quarter century. It has been said that, "Creativity comes from minds not cluttered by knowing too much or knowing how difficult the problem is."

I've tried to imagine what must it have been like to conceive of this institution in the 1970's. And what a bold vision it was. Rather than relying on the universities, as so many hospitals did, to educate nurses and other health professionals, our founders determined to create an "MGH University." This new institution would truly and seamlessly integrate the clinic and the classroom, the clinicians and the faculty, and provide an ever-changing curriculum to raise the standards for professional education and train the leaders who would *change* the health professions. It would do this in an interdisciplinary environment, so that students learn the importance of working in teams of health care providers. And finally it would foster innovative approaches to clinical research, practice and education. Who among us would say that this mission is not as relevant, perhaps more relevant today, than it was a quarter century ago?

Our founders' vision continues to challenge us today and to shape the way we grow and develop this still young institution. Our emphasis in this celebration on our history may seem somewhat excessive since it is so short, but I agree with the noted historian Bernard Bailyn that "an institution without a history is like a person without a memory – incoherent."

This year we established an Institute archives, inspired in part by the truly dedicated work that was done by the MGH School of Nursing, in so many ways the Institute's predecessor, to preserve their heritage which stretches back into the 19th century and offers a rich treasure trove for researchers into the nursing profession and education and women's history.

But I know Jeanette Ives Erikson far better than I will ever know the legendary Ruth Sleeper. Many of the challenges that Jeanette faces at MGH and that Nancy Kruger faces at Brigham and Women's and their colleagues throughout Partners face are the

challenges that we now are called upon to address. So while the mission of the Institute is still relevant, much else has changed since it was founded. Attracting and preparing a larger more diverse group of people into nursing and the other health professions is our shared challenge, with workforce shortages only projected to grow larger and more difficult for the foreseeable future. Providing opportunities for renewal, retooling and advanced training for clinicians burdened by greater demands and early burnout is our shared challenge. Finding new and more efficient ways to offer educational opportunities within Partners and beyond through distance learning and other mediated strategies is our shared challenge. And collaborating with our clinical colleagues to develop effective outcomes research and a trained work force for clinical research is our shared challenge.

I will not take the time tonight to describe all that the Institute is now doing to respond to these and other challenges. Two sources should deepen your appreciation for the Institute in its many facets. The first is the CD ROM that you will find at your place. It's hot off the press or what ever produces a CD ROM and it will allow you to see the Institute as prospective students encounter it and link you to our new web site. If you have trouble playing the CD ROM, your children, grandchildren or any young person in your life can help you! The other source you may glimpse as you leave tonight will be more in evidence tomorrow during our open house when we will officially dedicate the Catherine Filene Shouse building. Throughout the classrooms and halls, there are more than forty posters assembled from Institute faculty, students, alumni and clinical affiliates. They demonstrate in great depth and variety the intellectual vitality and clinical and academic excellence that define the Institute.

Last summer, the senior management team of the Institute, my partners in all we do here, gathered for our annual retreat to assess our progress against and the external environment in which we exist. We arrived at some important insights. First, we reminded ourselves that moving into this building, an enormous accomplishment, is not an end in itself. We agreed that technology is a key ingredient to our ability to grow and develop. We acknowledged that continuing to build a collaborative community within the Institute, with our clinical partners and within our new neighborhood of Charlestown requires significant attention. Finally, we asked ourselves how we might become indispensable as an education provider to MGH and the Partners HealthCare System. We identified ways to broaden and diversify our academic offerings. We delineated the Institute's unique areas of expertise, beyond the specific academic disciplines we now offer: in curriculum development and instructional design, in teaching skills and distance learning courseware, in research skills and outcomes assessment. We identified barriers within the Institute and within Partners to this expanded role. Finally, we identified what health professionals will need to know in the future beyond specific professional skills: about leadership and management, about research and teaching, about genetics, bioinformatics and ethics.

It should be clear to all of you, whether you are relatively new to the Institute or one of our founders, that we continue to strive with high aspirations, a fair amount of creativity and the same determination to live up to our founders vision to be and become the "MGH University".

Before closing tonight, I have just a few more people to thank – namely, those who planned and created this 25th anniversary celebration and building dedication. Our two “working” co-chairs for the event are John Connors and Mary Watkins. John joined the Institute board just over a year ago and has brought his enthusiasm and strategic savvy to our enterprise; Mary Watkins, a member of our Physical Therapy faculty, is one of the founders of the Institute and a pioneer still in our distance learning. Mary and John, please stand so we can thank you. They were aided by an able committee of faculty, staff and students and an army of volunteers. And they could not have done it without Christopher Hartley, Director of External Relations, and his staff Lillian Johnson and Emily Devaprasad. My thanks to all of you.

And that, my friends and colleagues, concludes our evening. I hope to see many of you back here tomorrow!

Catherine Filene Shouse Building Dedication Remarks by Ann Caldwell, June 15:

This is an historic day for the trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni of the MGH Institute of Health Professions, and I am very pleased to see so many of you here today. We are surrounded by so much history – from the Bunker Hill Monument to the USS Constitution to the long and still evolving history of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Our building was one of the first to be constructed in the Navy Yard just after the Civil War. First and for a very long time, it was the joiners’ shop, where the cabinetmakers and carpenters put together the great ships that were constructed and repaired here for almost one hundred and seventy-five years. Later it served as the cafeteria for the entire Navy Yard in the mid-20th century until the Yard closed in 1974. And in 1985, it became one of the first of the old shipyard buildings to be renovated for the modern offices, residences, start-up companies and research centers which now comprise the eclectic mix of Navy Yard inhabitants.

The Institute is quite obviously “the new kid in the yard” and we are thrilled not only to occupy our first real home – many of you remember what it was like to move out of a rented apartment into your first home – but also to have the Charlestown Navy Yard as our campus and the Charlestown community as our neighbors. We are especially pleased to join the non-profit and public service institutions in this community, many of which are represented here today. We are honored by the presence of

- Representatives of the Mayor’s Office and the principals or representatives of the Holden and Harvard Kent Elementary Schools, as well as the Charlestown and Edwards Middle Schools.

Our faculty and students, many of whom are already living, working and volunteering in the community, look forward to collaborating with you, especially in our reading and language clinic, as we do with

- Bunker Hill Community College, represented by their Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jane Milley.

Mary Fifield, the president of Bunker Hill, and I have agreed informally, in this era of higher education consortia, that we need no one's permission to form the higher education consortium of Charlestown.

- We are equally pleased to welcome our nearest neighbors here in the Navy Yard, including representatives of the Constitution Museum, the Park Service, the Courageous Sailing Center, and the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans whose sculpture we enjoy each day.
- Peggy Carolan, Director of the MGH Charlestown Health Center, is already an important partner in the education and training we provide for nurses, physical therapists and speech-language pathologists.
- And, finally, I want to thank our friends from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Paul McCann and David Carlson, and our architects, Sasaki Associates, who gave us this wonderful building and are represented by Nancy Harrod and Eric Lambiaso.

I believe Catherine Filene Shouse, who is with us in spirit, would be as thrilled by today's festivities as I am. A woman of vision and enormous public spirit, she contributed much to her country. And though she spent much of her life in Washington, DC, she was born here in Boston, and it is wonderful to give her name a prominent place in her hometown. I am reminded of a wonderful quote from that great actress Katherine Hepburn, who once said, "I have been gardening all my life and I've never found a laurel to rest upon."

We at the Institute are not here today to rest on our laurels but to open a new chapter in the Institute's history and in doing so to become a part of the fabric of a community that is rich in history and tradition and new promise.

And so on this 15th day of June, I declare the rededication of Building 36 as the Catherine Filene Shouse Building. May

- the faculty who teach here
- the students who learn here, and
- the researchers who discover new ways to the care for us all bring honor to the history of this building and the legacy of the woman for whom it is now named.

At the Educational Program Friday September 27th, Ann Caldwell spoke to the group and summarized the events of the 25th Anniversary and Dedication Ceremony. She also gave a brief overview of the growth goals of the IHP.

Homecoming Photos September 2002



Nancy Schon, Jeanne Cona Eskander, Diane Smith, Pat Murphy



*Nancy Schon and Diane Smith
Holding the artist model of the Sundial Sculpture*









The IHP will grow by expanding: the academic offerings and programs; student enrollments; recruitment and marketing; research and scholarship resources; its mission within Partners and throughout the wider health care community. In the academic year 2002-2003 there will be a growth in Distance Learning with a Master's degree in Clinical Investigation, Certificate in Clinical Investigation, Transitional doctor of Physical Therapy, HIV/AIDS Nursing certificate, and summer science courses. Since last year the growth in Distance Learning has been substantial, growing from 13 to 26 programs reaching 100 in 2001 to 304 in 2002.

There also will be three new programs: Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; RN to MSN; and Critical Care Nursing Certificate for New Graduates. For more information on any of these programs contact the IHP or visit their web page.

Class News

1929

Christine Moore Binnall has moved to Applewood Home for Elders, 171 South Royalston Road, Athol, MA 01331. Her mailing address is Att: John Bohman, P.O.Box 429, Gardner, MA 01440.

1939 February

Elizabeth Crossland Matricaria wrote:

I retired from Yale-New Haven Medical Center as a Private Intensive Care Nurse and Educational Director of the Nursing Service Bureau of New Haven in 1975.

I have three daughters, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Elizabeth Hutchinson, MGH class of 1961, one of my three daughters, is a Site Visitor for CHAP. Gail Kusmiss, a retired IBM Computer Architect, now has a Holistic Clinic. Sharon Kelly is the Creator and hands-on Owner of "The Secret Garden of Martha's Vineyard" on the Island and also in Avon, CT. I was widowed in 1982.

My twelve room house in Ansonia, CT finally defeated me so I bought a condominium at Farmington Woods, 14 Crocus Lane in Avon last year for myself and Miniature Schnauzer, La Diva. I am busy preparing my latest manuscript for a book.

I would like to hear from any February '39 classmates and I wonder where the nearest MGH Club might be in Hartford County.

Editors note: There is no MGH Club that we know of in the Hartford area – but anyone wanting to start one can contact the Alumnae Office and ask for names of grads living in the area.

1946

In the summer edition In Memoriam listed Betty Jane Cassidy Evans in the class of 1971. She was in the class of 1946. She was survived by her husband John R. Evans and seven children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. She died at home after a lengthy illness with the support of the children and a wonderful set of providers. B.J.(as she was always known) died in Nov. 2001 and her husband died in March 2002.

They had celebrated their 53rd anniversary in May 2001.

Dorothea {Shattuck} Jeffery Potterton class of 1947

February 1947

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Just returned from Homecoming and our trip to IHP in Charlestown. Sally Thorndyke, Barbara Watson, Annia, Esther Reads, and Me from February along with Marie Morrisette and Elsie Tait (July), Rena Scanlon and Shirley Bayliss from September. Amy Pinchbeck also joined us (Sept '46). Esther was staying with her. Sally came in from California, Esther from Columbus, Indiana. After lunch we went to Charlestown by bus, a tour and dessert. Wonderful day! I haven't seen that much of Boston since I graduated – such changes and monstrous traffic.

Esther, Bob, Amy and Cliff were leaving Monday morning to tour Maine. Beautiful time of the year. I hope they had good weather.

Lou and Better Andersen Carrier will be here this weekend, en route back to Cape Cod after attending Lou's brother's funeral in Washington, DC. Their kids were all coming to DC also.

Saw Jean Barrows and Rena Battistone on the Cape last summer.

Glenna moved to Manchester CT. I have her address for anyone who wants it. She'd love to hear from you. She had a CVA – hospital, rehab, and now home.

Ginny Humphries sent me a picture of her whole family. She looks wonderful. Lives in New Castle, Maine.

Mary Wallace had intestinal obstruction in late summer – surgery and wasn't able to come to Homecoming this year. She and Rube moved to Dublin, NH.

Ann Walsh's husband, Bill, died. Our deepest sympathy, Ann.

Yvonne's husband, George, was ill, so she couldn't come to Homecoming.

Girls, please send me your news. The girls at Homecoming were asking about so many of you, and I didn't know the answers.

1948

In a note from Kathleen Dee Horgan:

This is to notify the Alumnae that Gini DeLong Kalvin passes away. Her memorial service was Saturday August 3, 1001. Her classmates Theresa Cassela Stepp, Marie Noussee, and Kathleen Dee Horgan attended the service. Many other nurses from Sturdy Memorial Hospital were present.

It was obvious how loved Gini was by everyone. The church was overflowing on a very hot, humid day. Many of her friends lived too far away but Gretchen, Dottie, Kay, and Pinkie all sent their sympathy. A memorial fund has been set up by the family for the Mansfield Visiting Nurse Association.

I as many others will miss her great smile. She was a true friend.

February 1949

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I'm happy to be writing this column because I heard from so many of you - in part thanks to dear Barbie McCann who offered, no, insisted on helping by contacting everyone with a note and a response card all addressed to me! Thanks so much, my very special friend! Don't we all love getting mail from friends?

I received a nice note from Shirley Keller - she has been having some health problems necessitating a gastroscopy and colonoscopy, followed by an echocardiogram which required several hot summer drives from Dennis to Quincy. Right now all is stable with further checkups in the future. Dick's complaints are mostly arthritis related and spinal spurs. However their garden came through with enough vegetables in spite of regulated watering and they had an unusual quantity of superior grapes! They still keep busy with church activities and their grandchildren with theirs. Yes, Shirley, falling asleep and fatigue are part of the Golden Years! At last I can say no to some things that are a lot of work and not feel guilty. I've been there and done most of it several times!

From Lois Feeny in Illinois an announcement of a granddaughter's wedding and another granddaughter's college graduation, both in May. Lois had a laminectomy in late May

and is doing well, back to bowling, etc. She states that they had a very wet and cold spring and a very dry and hot summer. The weather in CT. also was very unseasonable and undependable. Lois and Larry traveled to So. Carolina for his ship's reunion which was most interesting though the weather was really hot and humid.

Phyllis McClain writes that she is well and still volunteering at the library. her mother, at 97 yrs. is still independent, alert and busy - in Phyl's words - a lot of fun to be with. You are both very lucky.

I heard from Mary Morris Gregory right after the last issue went to press in May. Everything is fine with her, all things considered ' like aging". She remembers our time at M.G.H. as a "lovely dream - three of the best years of my life" I second those sentiments exactly and am often nostalgic ad infinitum. Maybe it was our youth and being in such an exciting city at such a famous hospital - but it was wonderful for me, too.

Short note from Peg Bernier - she and Gerard are fine and are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month {Oct. - I don't know the date). They are expecting a new grandchild soon. Glad to hear from you, Peg, and congratulations to you both from all of us!

Nancy Sanella writes that time is so fleeting - she keeps busy with baby sitting and grandchildren's activities, yard work, mostly weeding and various bus trips. She has been enjoying a weekly Italian class trying to learn the language, but along with a poor memory she has no one to practice with! Credit to her for going to school - I don't want to!

I was so glad to hear from Sylvia Bridges because I have never seen her at a reunion. I don't think she has ever lived in this area and is now in Florida. She has been married for 53 yrs., retired for 15 yrs. and like most of us is 75 yrs, old - can you believe it? Unfortunately she needed a mastectomy in the spring and is on her fourth chemo section. She is very optimistic and we all send her our best wishes and my prayers for a full recovery. I don't have any data re grandchildren or what area of nursing she worked in - next time, Sylvia.

Clara's note was full of her family's first visit to Poland to visit relatives. It sounded like a wonderful reunion for all and Clara would like to go the next time. It seems her feet bother her a lot and she can't do much walking. Clara says they walk a lot in Poland, have small cars and no one is obese! They had a wonderful time and everyone was gracious and hospitable, even with the language barrier. Clara and Charlie are going on their regular visit to California for three weeks in November and have both joined Weight Watchers, hoping to lose weight before the trip. Good luck and enjoy the beautiful Calif. weather.

Faithful always, Podee Hopkins' card reported a happy summer at their island getaway with the family,- "an escape from life at home". Stewart and she also got to Wilmington, Vermont for a family reunion with, among others, Stewart's 7 cousins 70 -85 years old.

They had lots of fun catching up on genealogy and little known facts, I bet. Podee says they are without serious health problems but that the various checkups are a nuisance. She and Madaline Luce are planning a get-together in Boston this month.

Jane Seeling writes that she and Fred are fine; he is basically retired but is available to preach if called upon. Their vegetable garden was a success and "filled the freezer", They are taking a class in expository writing at a community college to keep "our minds active" - hope it works! Bridge, Scrabble, Upwords, puzzles, together with reading do it for me! Their children and grandchildren are all well and busy. Heidi has 10 (that's ten) children and is home schooling them here in Stamford, CT. Likewise, Debbie is home schooling her three in Aurora, In. Son, Paul now a Lt. Col. stationed at the Air Force Base in Omaha is living in Bellevue. He has four children from Joanna at Bob Jones Univ. down to three teen-agers in a Christian School in Omaha. That's 17 grandchildren - can anyone beat that? We only have 11!

Dottie Iwanicki called and we had a nice chat as usual with lots of laughs. She is well and is leaving soon with Eleanor for California. They will spend two weeks visiting family and exploring on their own. They have good times together as do Nancy and I.

Dot Flaherty just returned from a hot two week visit in Denver with son , Brian. He has taken a 2 yr. leave of absence from United and has entered the Univ. of Colorado as a junior in the engineering program. That's good news and never too late! Dot says that her grandchildren Shannon, 2yrs, and Dennis, 13 yrs. are growing and aging too fast. I know she enjoys them! She says she is still struggling to keep up her house and yard and finds it very tiring. It sure is discouraging but I'm just not ready for the condo life although they are new and pretty appealing at times.

I received a nice long letter from Betty Bridges. She had been well but is now having cardiac problems, an enlarged heart with atrial fibrillation and also newly diagnosed abdominal and thoracic aneurysms. She is on a medication regime and expects to have a cardiac version soon. We are still learning that "they" can "fix" almost anything now! So we wish you good luck, Betty. We send our best wishes and our prayers that these problems are quickly corrected. Betty's grown children are all doing well - daughter Liz, an Air Force nurse and professor of critical care nursing returned recently from Johannesburg and Pretoria with a team who share training and much needed equipment. I'll have to get more details on that. Barbara and Paul are retired from 20 yrs. in the U.S.M.C. and live in Alexandria. Fred III is an engineer with two children including the newest addition, Benjamin Grant Bridges. Deb works in Portland and Betty says she is their right hand gal. Paul lives and works in Georgia. Eleven of their family made a trip to Antigonish, Nova Scotia a year ago and had a wonderful gathering of 15 - 20 cousins. Betty was so glad her family got to see her beginnings, where she grew up and spent a good part of her life, the farm, the church and the schools. However, after all but three of the family had left for home, and Fred, Betty, and Deb were standing in line ready to board the plane in Halifax for Oregon via Newark, they were told of the horrific tragedy in N.Y.C. on Sept. 11! They were detained there for seven days at a hotel near the waterfront with food, facilities and a church nearby. What a terrible experience at a terrible time for all of us! Betty said it was so good to get home!

I was delighted to receive an e-mail from Madaline Smith Luce, who was a classmate of ours for two years when she left to marry Al. She later finished her training at Brockton Hospital. It's so nice that she keeps in touch with us and we all have nice memories of her. She is living in a condo on Cape Cod, dating occasionally and keeping busy with a music ministry at her church. She worked as a home health nurse after Al died and then sold her home there in Florida to be up north with her children and old friends, .O.B, is her specialty but people aren't having babies in Florida or in Cape Cod! She got used to not working and decided that enough was enough and relinquished her active license which she says she enjoyed for so many years. Madaline closed her message saying what fun she had talking with Larry when he gave her our e-mail address.

I spent an enjoyable afternoon recently re-reading our auto bios--what a terrific idea that was, Clara! However, there are several among the missing and we'd all love to have them, so take the time and mail them to Clara, please- she will do the rest.

I sent in my contribution for the nursing sculpture to be placed on the Bulfinch lawn. Give it some thought and for more information contact the alumnae office or even me.

A group of us met for our semi or annual luncheon in Sturbridge, Ma. and had a wonderful visit as always, this time at The Whistling Swan in June. Present were Dot Flaherty, Dot Iwanicki, Nancy Sanella, Clara Sellon and myself. Joining us later was Kay Howard, which was a nice surprise, she looked very well but of course misses Burt. It was great to see her,

As for Larry and me all is well and we keep busy he with teaching math, in his 16th yr. now and still enjoying the youngsters. He still golfs though not regularly, and bowls with his team. The Univ. is only 15 minutes away, right near the Iwa Jima statue here in CT. We play bridge with other couples, one in their 90's! I keep busy with my bridge clubs, outings with friends and Nancy and an occasional bus trip such as the U.S. Tennis Open this past June and a wonderful production of the Riverdance group. We play Scrabble and Upwords regularly and see a movie when a good one appears! Now we are both knitting (or crocheting) afghans for grandchildren nearing college years. I do plenty of yard work - lots of debris with very windy weather, but I enjoy my perennial flower garden, and all the borders!

Our children are all well and busy. Linda is still in Texas, working in a veterinary clinic and loving it! Her mother insists she keep her nursing license current anyway! Carol and Pat both still working in Labor and Delivery and High Risk Pregnancy. Lee works in engineering at Sikorski Aircraft in CT., and Ken, also an engineer for Raytheon in RI. Rick is produce manager for a large grocery chain in Florida. Grandchildren include a college senior, five in high school and four in elementary, and of course, a graduate teacher who is also mother to our first great grandchild. We have already been invited for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day so I will have New Year' Day. We have celebrated N.Y. Eve with the same friends for years. Of course the nurses work many holidays so we aren't all together at the same ones, but that's okay!

Barb, thanks again for your sincere help. I have been typing for two days! Barb is well with the usual checkups and had a cataract successfully extracted last month.. She can't seem to gain needed weight but I remember the delicious lobster salad she made for me when I visited! When she calls me she says she smells fudge cooking so she knows what my downfalls are.

Before I leave you until spring, I want to recommend a great book, titled "We Band of Angels" by Elizabeth Norman - non fiction 94154 or 945. It is a vivid account of nursing in WW II and graduates preceding us would really enjoy it - many of us expected to be cadet corps nurses and on to the military, but of course much better that the war ended!

This is like a letter, and may be shortened, so I will stop now and wish you all happy holidays and good health! Those not mentioned please contact me for the spring issue. Thanks from **Barbara**.

September 1952

Oh Happy Day We're Seniors!

Our 50th Reunion was a great success. Forty of the eighty graduates attended some part of the festivities. The majority spent the weekend together at the Cape Point Hotel in W. Yarmouth. This idea originated 3 years ago at our mini reunion in Florida. Great idea folks!

At the hotel, we were given a function room to use at will, and it was the site of much rejoicing, remembering and laughter. As Ann Devney Patterson later commented, "I heard nary a word all afternoon about aches and pains and diseases and like horrors.. Just affection and laughter". Everyone felt the extended time allowed for more meaningful recapturing of treasured friendships.

Joanie McMahon provided us with great nametags with large print (to avoid those "senior moments") and our yearbook pictures. We hung them around our necks with black and white checkered ribbons. Joanie also made a lovely remembrance board with a collage of pictures of our deceased classmates. Joyce Sawtell Kennedy's husband Lowell prepared for each of us a class list with all currently available information. It will be a great help keeping in touch." Thanks so much.

On Friday evening, we held a silent auction with all monies going to our class gift. We had a wall hanging of the Bulfinch and one of the MGH seal, both made by Annie MacLean Plunkett. Arlene Bell Gigliotti made a large MGH student nurse doll, four MGH pillows and two wine baskets. Bo Johnston Israel gave a pin cushion made from her student uniform, and Mary Lou Jones Brown donated a CD done by her daughter who is an accomplished violinist.

Saturday morning, we boarded a chartered bus to Boston for the luncheon and a quick

visit to MGH. Sybil Caine Kellogg who insisted all residents of the Charles St dorm know and sing "A Song for MGH" brought copies and the bus rang out with a lively rendition of "Her ivied columns--". More fun at the luncheon. It is always good to see teachers and other grads from surrounding years. How surprised to have a beautiful bouquet of flowers appear, sent all the way from California by Connie Delorey Stevens. Connie has been collecting "Memories" but was unable to attend as planned. "Memories" in hard copy will be available soon. We were delighted to present the MGHNA with over \$5000 to go into the capital fund for the statue honoring nursing. The MGHNA presented each of us with the MGH key ring and Nancy Rahill McDonough, Mary Lou Jones Brown, Bo Johnson Israel and Jean Ann Holmes Batchelder received awards for coming the distance. The quick visit to the MGH restarted the "memory machine", as if it had ever slowed down.

When we returned to the Cape, several husbands had dutifully set out the wine, cheese, etc and the celebrating continued. The banquet was great. You really can't go wrong with prime rib or lobster clambake. Mary Bachand LaRochelle and her husband had made a hand-painted wooden doll in detailed MGH student uniform, including scissors and name pins, for each of us. They are extraordinary!! We also received wonderful notepads printed by Celina Maciel Hill's son commemorating our reunion. After dinner, we had an open microphone, and many more memories were shared.

Sunday morning, some tired but happy MGHers said their goodbyes at breakfast. We left feeling well loved by so many good and true friends and promising to gather again in five years.

March 1952

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There were only eleven of us at our 50th but most of us present are faithful attendees every year. Those eleven were:

Dorothy Mahoney – active for many years in the MGH Alumnae, now retired and living in Watertown.

Janet Harrington – joined the Air Force with Joanne Hutt, Elsie Hopkins and Phil Lydon after graduation. Then worked at Quincy Hospital for 34 years before retiring. Lives in Quincy and enjoys knitting.

Barbara Lumbra Piraino – Vin died in 1998. After living in Belmont for 40 years moved to a condo in Watertown. Retired from nursing and now volunteers in a first grade classroom and loves it. Has 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

Barbara Robinson Sallows-Davis – after a career in private duty nursing went into Real Estate, is still working and loves it. With husband, John, she spends winters in Boca Raton FL; March in St Maartins, spring and fall in Ipswich and summers on the Cape. She and John hosted 8 of us after homecoming on Saturday for the weekend at their home in Truro. Together they have 5 grown successful children and 4 grandchildren.

Inge Morgan Richardson – still lives in Lincoln, MA 6 children, 2 are musicians, 4 grandchildren. Since retirement she and Fred have traveled extensively. Some places they visited are: the British Isles, Alaska, San Juan Islands, Baja CA, Iceland and have also gone on many Elder Hostel trips. She says they are about traveled out.

Cathy Harrington Boyd – She and Ed are both retired and playing a lot of golf. They have 7 children and 9 grandchildren, the youngest just starting to walk and the oldest is starting law school.

Marion Macnaughton Rose – 2 children and 4 grandchildren – youngest daughter publisher her first book and lives in Holland. Mac still working part time when needed.

Pat Rourke Caffrey – retired after working at Spaulding Rehab Hospital in 1993. Remarried after husband's death. She and Joe have traveled all over the world. Has 5 children, 14 grandchildren and a 2 ½ year old great-granddaughter.

Helen Howard Freniere – is married to Dick and lives in Concord, MA – has 2 grandchildren.

Eleanor Jones Young retired after 23 years at South Shore Hospital as night charge nurse in CCU. Has 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Elsie-Mary Hopkins Barnett retired in 1987, husband Bill died in 2000. 3 children and 7 grandchildren, spends summers in the family home on the Cape otherwise lives in Virginia.

Those we heard from or about:

Joanne Hutt Beranck – husband Mike who had retired from the Air Force passed away in 1990, 2 children and 5 grandchildren all live near her in Panama City Florida.

Patricia Coburn Price lives in Franklin MA has 1 daughter, volunteer at several places, serves on committees and travels through the year.

Flo Bell Billon lives in Mashpee, MA with husband Bob. Celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2002. Son, daughter-in-law and grandson live in NC

Joyce Young Passos has retired and has moved to a condo in Fall River. Her husband died 3 years agl.

1953

In an email from Jackie Thornton Higgins, RNC, M'Ed, MSN:

Read in my Alumnae Record, Spring/Summer Ed. 2002, in one of the class letters (Sept. 1952) about the proposed statue of an MGH RN for placement on the Bulfinch lawn. Fabulous ! We were more than the mortar that held the place together with superb nursing care which we took with us around the world.

If I missed any article about this statue, then repeat a big notification. I truly believe it will get donations! About 10yrs. ago, a classmate and I toured the new Phillips House Intensive Care Unit, as part of our reunion enlightenment. Well, we were very enlightened when we introduced ourselves to a young RN on that unit. We said we were graduates of the MGH School of Nursing "Oh, yeah, I heard they once had a school." We were shocked at how soon they forget.

In 1986, I started my own business with several MGH classmates in various specialties: Patient Advocate Researchers.....a medical, malpractice service.

March 1953

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Can you help? I'm looking for 11 missing members of our class. If you know any of their addresses please call or write to me. In the fall of 2003 we will be celebrating our 50th reunion and hope that as many as possible can attend. It should be a lot of fun. Hoping you are all doing well.

Jessica Hyland Coles
Jane Dahlmer Garrisi
Jean Watt Hickey
Joan Bresnahan Perkins
Jane Bushey Preston
Jean Youngberg

Mary Kelley Tobin
Sonia Zabaunik Remple
Audrey Hutchinson Leadman
Constance Wocell Sekulla
Margaret Kiley Strong

1954

I am a graduate of MGH, class of 1954, of Fitchburg State College, class of 1981 and of Boston University, class of 1987. I lived in Acton, MA. for 35 years before moving back to my native state of Maine nine years ago. My 132 page paperback book has just been published by 1stbooks.com, an Internet company called "Nurse for the Moment" which is a compilation of my observations and reflections during two years of assignments as an

independent nurse contractor visiting more than 1,027 patient-families in the greater metropolitan Boston and Lowell regions.

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A note from Bunny Codi Raak:

"Bunny Codi Raak and husband, Ray, joined over 50 family members at the Publick Inn in Sturbridge, MA over the July 4th weekend for a biannual family reunion. The weather was HOT, the pool cool, and the laughs and camaraderie plentiful. The highlight was a surprise 68th wedding anniversary reception for Al and Gena Codi, Bunny's parents. Dad is 90 and Mom is 87. Great grandchildren sprinkled rose petals, the bouquet was thrown, a garter was placed on Mom's leg, and a cake was cut while a DJ provided music and we danced the night away. Great stuff. They came from as far away as CA, CO, and FL. Following the festivities, Bunny and Ray enjoyed visits with an old high school chum in Dublin, NH and Aline Flynn Sullivan and David in Bristol, NH. Their place on Newfound Lake is in a great spot and very restful. Audrey Chase Hull joined us for dinner one evening. Audrey looks great and is as cheery as ever. The three of us had the nerve to have our picture taken in bathing suits. Following that, the four of us drove to Stowe, VT to visit Audrey Hatch Dunn and Ed. They have a wonderful home, designed by Audrey, which sits on a knoll overlooking the mountains. In addition to skiing, gardening is a passion with Audrey and the surroundings reflect her love and hard work. Audrey, Aline, and Bunny enjoyed an 18 hole round of golf while the guys went sightseeing. (I love role reversals.) The entire trip was fun and relaxing. Recently I had the pleasure of escorting my eleven year old grandson on an Elderhostel intergenerational trip to the Grand Canyon. It was a great adventure. I hope this issue finds you all in good health and spirits."

Barbara Fox Kaslow wrote that her husband, Jack, had been diagnosed last October with esophageal cancer. After radiation and chemotherapy he was operated on last January. He has done very well post-op and in spite of life changes they have had to make they feel blessed to be able to enjoy each other and their family and friends again. On Labor Day they flew to CA to meet their son and his family and were planning to spend a few days in Las Vegas on their way home.

Pat Allen McMillin emailed that they were spending the Memorial Day weekend in Lime, CT so her husband and his brother could attend the vintage car races. Pat said she and her sister-in-law would spend their time antiquing. She expected a lot of family

visiting her on the Cape this summer. A grandson would be staying with her and working for the summer.

Harriet is in the process of moving to Detroit to be nearer her son John and her two grandchildren. David and I are meeting Bunny and Ray in Italy in October and spending two weeks touring Sicily. Ciao.

1956

Sandra Brown
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After another summer of drought and very hot weather Autumn has finally arrived in New Hampshire – along with some much needed rain.

I received a phone call from Betty MacLean Woods. We chatted for almost an hour. Betty is busy with town and volunteer work. She visits her hometown of Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia every year. I'm hoping she will send along a complete bio for the next issue. 559 riverside Drive, Rossford, OH 43460.

Pat Brown Chapman enjoyed a July visit from her daughter and grandchildren who now live in Arizona.

M.M. Gunning O'Mara will be a grandma again soon. She has been busy with day trips and visiting family.

Barbara Doyle Herlihy-Chevalier was a seminar speaker at the Nursing Spectrum Career Fitness Expo last Spring in Burlington, MA. Barbie spoke on remotivation therapy, she is a certified instructor of remotivation therapy and has served on the Board of the Bay State Remotivation council in many capacities.

Priscilla (Wood) and Chuck Randall visited their daughter-in-law and family in Wyoming and are planning a trip to Austria and Germany in a few months.

Eileen Post Wilson and I have exchanged letters. We both like mystery books so have shared some favorite authors.

I visited New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in July. A very relaxing trip – away from all the hustle and bustle.

I guess that is it. Send on any news and changes of address. We are still searching for some of our classmates.

September 1957

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Fifteen of us enjoyed a Homecoming lunch and celebrated our 45th anniversary of our graduation.

Those in attendance were: Marion Bowers, Alice Chandler Cheeseman, Barbara Moran Clancy, Barbara Sherman Clark, Midge Corbin Cooley, Jean Saucier Costello, Barbara Crotty Donnelly, Margery Howe Eramo, Geraldine DeMello Frates, Jo Fredella Gagnon, Eleanor Morad, Janice Oberacker, Judy Auchterlonie Pinkey, Nancy Lyons Wechsler, and Pauline Kurgan White.

We had a grand time sharing memories and swapping pictures of family members.

Five years from now (2007) we will celebrate our 50th. This is a first call for any addresses you may have tucked away. We need to begin planning now to make this a time to remember. Please forward addresses to me.

I will try to have the personal information given to me at Homecoming ready for the spring edition of the Record.

I look forward to hearing from more of you by April 1st so I can make the May 15th deadline with more news.

September 1958

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This year our class was represented at Homecoming by Janet Hames Crook, Judy Madden Fitzsimmons, Sue Truby Peterson, Carol Harkness Kilrea, Liz Johnson Grant and me. A few more gals than other years.

The speakers for the Homecoming program discussed the manner in which staff nurses at MGH were rewarded for outstanding service and patient care.

Following the luncheon, we were taken by bus to view the new IHP classroom building, which recently opened at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Building 36- a massive granite structure, was originally called the Joiners building – rope was made there for sailing ships. It is now named after Catherine Filene Shouse. The tour of the building was very

enjoyable, and it is gratifying to note that Mr and Ms Chase are still used for instruction – remember when? Following the tour, we enjoyed dessert, coffee and more gabbing.

Now for the class news:

Liz Grant has moved back to the east coast from Washington state. She and Bruce have a home/farm with many acres and llamas. Her new address is 182 Bush Hill Road, Northport, ME 04849. They are happy to be back in the New England area.

Judy, Jane Thompson Long and husband, Dave are planning to visit Liz and Bruce in the near future.

Janet Crook has retired, but is still active in volunteer work with children in her community. Jan and Dave went to China last year and visited Donna Allen Stewart and husband, Mel, who was in China on a Fellowship. Jan said they had a very enjoyable trip and saw many interesting sites. They are about to leave for their annual trip to Nova Scotia for a family reunion. Jan also said that Donna and Mel are back in Minnesota, but I don't have their new address at this time.

Sue and Carl Peterson are building a home in Maine not too far from Liz Johnson. They plan to get together with Liz, Judy, Jane and husbands, when they are in Northport. Karol Kilrea was visiting Sue Peterson and they went to Florida for a very sad journey. Carol Smith Mason passes away on September 2, 2002 after losing her battle with ovarian cancer. Sue gave me a copy of the death notice and a letter from Carol's husband, Ken. If anyone would like a copy, contact me, and I will forward it to you.

Sue P. also gave me a new address for Claire Muldowney Nauen – 26 Park Avenue, West Yarmouth, MA 02673. I had also received a call from Judy F earlier in the year telling of the death of Janice Jacobson Kavanaugh in April 2002. Jan and Pat, her husband, were still living in Michigan at the time of her death. I don't have much information but we are saddened by the news.

As for Steve and Ruth, we are both well – have had a very busy year. This past June, we attended a 65th birthday and retirement party for Joan Cameron Fox's husband, George, and we saw Jane Wright Silvaria, husband, Bernie, and their oldest son, Sandy at the party. Bernie has had some health problems, but in general all was well. George really enjoyed his party, when he got over the initial shock, and we all had a great time. Steve and I just returned from a week in Duluth, MN for – you guessed it – a Submarine Veterans' convention. Duluth is a very nice and interesting city located on the shore of Lake Superior. We also spent a day at the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN – now that is a big shopping center! Of course, our malls don't have an amusement park in the center of the mall. Oh yes, I am still working at BHCS, but plan to retire probably in March of 2003.

Here is the important reminder regarding our 45th reunion in 2003. I will be sending out letters looking for information, updates, any new addresses. Please help so we can have another successful class get together/dinner. Also send your Email addresses, if you wish.

Hope to hear from all of you as soon as possible. Have a happy, healthy year.

1961

Betty Matricaria Hutchinson and I continue to faithfully attend Homecoming. The CEU day was great and an easy way to earn needed CEU,s. We got together in the evening with Ann, Ellie and Rosemary to share happenings in our lives.

To follow up on Betty,s note from last year, her job of many years was eliminated and she was looking for a new challenge. Well, she found it. Her new job takes her all over the nation to critique nursing homes (similar to JACCHO for the hospitals). She loves the challenge and has readily adapted to traveling. And it does leave her with good time to spend with her granddaughter.

Ellie Love Marchi continues to enjoy her retirement and her children continue to provide her and Marco with grandkids to spoil.

Rosemary Rice Williston and her husband spent an exciting time visiting in Austria, Bratslavia and Budapest during the floods. She has wonderful pictures that she shared with us. They had to omit the cruise on the Danube!

Ann Lynch Durfee, after a zillion years in the NICU, has retired. Course, she has also been doing some per diem, going on a trip to Alaska, and spending more time with her grandchildren.

I continue to work per diem in pediatrics to finance my travel—went to Hawaii on a cruise and it was fantastic ! I am looking forward to going again in November to the Caribbean. Otherwise , I am enjoying retirement !!

What is happening with the rest of you? Write a note or better yet—join Betty and me here next year.

Take care, Marlene Norton

1962

It was, as some have noted below, another little miracle of life- our coming together and being buoyed up by meeting old friends and like minds. It has become so wonderfully comfortable over the years. The changes we have lived through in this old world of ours sometimes bear down on our hearts and make us wonder what's going on, and lead us to yearn for the good old days. Homecoming is like a vaccination against the negativity in the world and it lasts for about a year, then, it's time to go in for a booster. We do hope that everyone comes back and experiences and adds to that warm feeling of Homecoming.

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Ena writes, "Can't believe it's been 40 years since we got to know each other-- and, more amazing, that we are as active as we are. I am still working full time in the Radiation Oncology Department at MGH, dividing my time between the regular radiation department (main department in the Cox Bldg. which was built on the Thayer building site), and the new Northeast Proton Therapy Center (we moved our operation from the Harvard Campus and built our own Cyclotron) which is built in the old Charles St. Jail compound.

My Tom died August 4th, this year, after a grace period of almost four years with a stage 4 gastric Ca diagnosis. I am doing fine what with the support and prayers of family, good friends and neighbors.

It is so good to see the familiar and dear faces of fellow travelers who shared the experiences which prepared us for where we are today! Best to all."

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Joni writes, "I am so comforted by attending Homecoming that I highly recommend it to our classmates. Many of us have taken advantage of the CEU offerings which are presented the day before our big gathering; they are excellent presentations without a doubt. I didn't go this year, but sorry I didn't, having benefited by previous years. On the big day of Homecoming, we enter the old HoJo hotel in Park Square, parking there, also, for only \$10./day after validation sticker obtained. We see friendly faces from the get-go, reminding us of times past, and setting our minds to an earlier time. Many times, we have to look at the little name sticker on the shoulder to connect the new face with the old, but the memories come rushing back as soon as we do. After registration, we attend the business meeting, learning a bit about the present organization. Jeannette Ives told us about the touching written testimonies she's obtained from the nurses who work at MGH currently, and how they assist in enticing new recruits. Finders fees go to the current staff rather than the new nurse, which seems very nice. Miss Sherwin, undaunted, arrived with a smile for everyone, using a cane for her new hip replacement. After a short break- chat, meet, chat, we went into the next room and were seated by graduating years at round tables and served a delicious dinner. We had short speeches and awards from the head table, legal pads circulated to gather new names, addresses, and short comments from our classmates, and chat, meet, chat. A local MGH Nurses club of the Worcester, MA region was honored, 2 of our own class accepted the certificate; we were challenged to form other local clubs when we go home, a very good idea!! We were bussed to The Charlestown Navy Yard to the new location of our School of Nursing, the MGH having bought one of the old stone buildings there and renovated it beautifully for the students and staff. Of course, it is also for the other students of the Institute of Health Professions (IHP). We were pleasantly escorted here and there by current students, and treated to dessert and coffee. After getting bussed back to the hotel, we made our way to Carolyn Thayer's room and chatted, eating and drinking, sitting on the bed and the floor as well as the chairs, for an enjoyable hour which seemed to me to be reminiscent of our evening hours spent in Nancy and Alice's double room in our old Lincolnshire Hotel Dorm 42 years ago. At suppertime, we made our way down to a private dining room in the bar in the basement. We sat at a square arrangement of tables which had us, as usual for this event, looking at everybody else. It was also quiet enough for us to hear everyone else, and we all were polite enough to let one person speak at a time, pretty much. It was a totally different atmosphere from the small round tables we were at for dinner. It was as if we were thinking with one mind, the mind of a group of people who'd gone through similar events and battles and understood each other's tales deeply down in our soul. It seems that we speak of more emotional experiences at that gathering and I always leave

there as if I'm leaving part of myself behind, but with a girdle around my own being, feeling so the strength and goodness of purpose of the group.

In my smaller daily world, I behave differently for a while, thinking of some of our class who have died in the 40 years which have passed since graduation, and the classmates who have had health problems and met them with such courage, and some who have lost husbands, loved ones, some who have had to deal with emotional problems or dependency problems and those who are enjoying grandchildren, and the many who have had children move far from their original home base. We have such great examples, in our own class, of strength to withstand, of laughter to brighten, of spirit to overcome, and of the power to survive and conquer personal problems---all the while giving to others an improvement in their health, care and hope. It inspires me and makes me so very grateful to have had such a wonderful education with such a wonderful group of people."

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Kathy writes, "In 2002, we MGH grads celebrate their 40th reunion. Norm and I celebrate our 40th anniversary! We have 3 of the 4 children in the Boston area- the 4th lives in Colorado. They have blessed us with 7 grandchildren who are wonderful. We are both retired, enjoy golf (lots of it), skiing, walking and going to our new beach house in So. Dartmouth, MA."

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Connie writes: "Retired and loving it. I now have the time to do all the things I put aside-- watching birds, saying "yes" when asked to help, waiting for hip surgery and a return to walks by the sea."

Note: Connie came on crutches to our Homecoming, and we enjoyed her courage for doing so and her wonderful sense of humor. We wish her well in upcoming surgery. She wrote later: "I do love those reunions; we seem to just pick up where we left off at the last one. They are the nicest people."

Hopkins, Gloria Burris
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Gloria writes, "Write me!"

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212-523-6005
BKAMINSKYechpnet.org

Kantarge, Linda Walker
Linda writes, "Have not done nursing for 20 years; let license lapse, but reactivated after 9-11-01. Will it ever matter? Mostly enjoying my 2 grandkids."

Keller, Peggy
Peggy sends her love. She is well; still working in Cardiac Rehab. She still lives in upstate N.Y. She had to attend another meeting this weekend and will miss being with us for this 40th reunion."

Lappart, Carol DesLauriers
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Carol writes, "Practice anesthesia in Holyoke, CO, Grant & Imperial NECR. (Retained Deslauriers as a CRNA + RN) Two children: son is a physical therapist, daughter teaches elementary school. I lap swim to stay in shape; still work full time. I have four grandchildren."

Levine, Mary Kokolus
100 Almont St., Winthrop, MA, 02152
Husband, David.

MacMillan, Janet Mortimer
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508-799-5160

Magoun, Hannah Ward
50 Short Shannon St., Middlebury, VT, 05753
Hannah writes, "This will be my last year as School Nurse (my 32nd year) at Middlebury High School (Vt.)."

Maher, Jean Seaman
18 South Washington St.

Norton, MA, 02766

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Husband, Robert.

Jean writes, "It was just wonderful seeing everyone-- and it really hasn't been 40 years--- We all are still too young- at heart, at least!! I'm still teaching community health nursing at UMass Dartmouth while we put 5 kids through college. Nicole, our oldest at 32, was married this month! and Rob, our youngest at 18, is in the midst of college applications. You'd think we'd be experts at this by now-- but life is ever changing. And they don't make nursing students like they used to-- We were the best! Love and best wishes to all of you.

Mailander, Carol White

Carol sends her best to all from Las Altas, CA. Maybe she'll make the 50th!

Maynard, Lee Brewer

152r Kings Highway, Kennebunkport, ME, 04046 (April-Oct)

10122 E. Lucille Dr., Tucson, AZ, 85730 (Oct-April)

207-967-5107

Nichols, Karen Keto

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Nicolini, Becky Norton

We are all saddened by the death of Becky in January of 2002. She had been ill with lung cancer for 10 months. Our thoughts and love are extended to her family and loved ones.

Olsson,Mary Devore

Manor House,Larchmont,N.Y.(oldest house in Larchmont)

Mary writes:" 9-21-02 Hi, all 1962ers-- I'm so sorry not to be able to attend. I have a concert on Sunday afternoon with rehearsals the 2 days before--Yes, I still play the bassoon- even professionally, these days, and do contracting for two orchestras. I work part time in a GYN office for a woman doctor friend of mine and am on the quality assurance committee of the "Cancer Support Team" that I was formerly a working member of, as an R.N. (terrible sentence.) Carl & I are now grandparents of 5. My daughter Ingrid (married to a urologist completing a 2 yr fellowship at Hopkins) is a mom of 2 & an artist. Eric (my other kiddo) is also a urologist, doing cancer surgery. Prostate etc. thru tiny holes as opposed to his father who calls himself a maximally invasive surgeon. They have 3 kids & wife Ariana is a guidance counselor (12 y olds-brave soul). So, I am overrun with urologists.

Life is good, I'm grey haired but healthy, as is the rest of the family (healthy, that is). Carl is now secretary of the Nat'l Amer. Urol. Assoc--a 4 year term--so, I "play wife" a little more often than previously. We continue to sail our boat and ski out west once a

year. Hope it's a good turnout. If anyone knows where Carol Cooper is please let me know. Love to all."

O'Shea, Sue Huk
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Sue writes, "I'm working part-time 3 days /week in home care. Jack is retired so we've done some traveling: Ireland & Aruba. Enjoy golf, swimming and looking forward to retiring."

Pelletier, Nancy Ferrant
11515 Co-Moor Blvd., Strongsville, Ohio, 44149
440-572-9407

Nancy writes, "It was very exciting to be here for our 40th Reunion. I'm continuing to work with chemically dependent clients for the VNA of Cleveland. My husband and I have been married 38 years! How unbelievable. The most exciting thing for us is our 7 month old granddaughter who lives only 10 minutes away. Love to all."

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Husband, Alan, died 2 yrs. ago. Two sons

Richo, Katherine (Kathery) Marag
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603-883-1265

Straut, Bette Jane Chase
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FRED+BETTE@aol.com

Bette Jane writes, "Nice to see everyone at our 40th reunion. Fred and I have been married 40 years now-- 4 children--3 grandchildren. I'm still working at a group practice of 4 internists, enjoying it but looking forward to retiring in a year or so and 'kicking back'.

Thayer, Carolyn
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Carolyn writes, "MGH retired; back working as MGH Nurses Alumnae Association secretary and doing Nanny work at home. Now, have a family of a 3 and 1/2 yr old girl and a 1 and 1/2 yr old boy. The children I took care of for 9 years are all grown and the youngest is in 7th grade. All in private schools."

Webb, Carol Cooper
N.H.
GrammaShoe@aol.com
Loves yard sales, antique marts; works 3 nights/week in psych.

Wells, Thelma
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Thelma writes, " I'm a Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and plan to retire May, 2003. I'll stay in Wisconsin, but plan to come to Homecoming every year except when traveling."

Wengerter, Christi
74 Franklin, Provincetown, 02657, 508-487-7764
from a 8-25-02 Boston Globe article re a Provincetown,MA club named the Crown & Anchor, an excerpt states,"The guys at the Crown made a lot of changes that upset people," says Christi Wengerter, a year-round who tends bar at the nearby Vorelli's Grille. "They're going for this upscale image to attract young gay boys who want to party. My lady friends and I used to love sitting on their front porch with a drink. Now we feel unwelcome."

Williams, Alice Ferro
RR#1, P.O.Box 1175, 207 Burnham Rd., Freedom, N.H., 03836
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Alice writes, "I'm still working full time in a 35 bed hospital with two ORs in North Conway, N.H. I'm looking forward to decreasing my hours in a year or two.

Addendum:

From Karen Bougeois: I wanted to send you an update for myself and for Wilma Graham Cosgrove. Somehow I missed the sheet that was going around at the reunion. I retired last June from my job as school nurse at Plymouth Elementary School in Plymouth NH. It feels as if I've been liberated! I love having more time for special pursuits, although I am working a few hours a week at Holderness Prep, a private high school. This consists of working with the school nurse which is nice after so many years of being the only nurse. Next year my husband is retiring and then we plan to join all the

senior citizens and travel. I have a year old granddaughter who is giving me great joy. I enjoyed our 40th reunion and it was so good to reconnect with so many people. Wilma is also retired from nursing home care and sends her regards to everyone. She is presently dividing her time between CT and NC. Her children are all grown and have left home. She recently acquired a puppy who takes up a lot of her time.

We are going to try to start an MGH Club here in NH.

The office received a notice letting us know that Thelma Wells and her colleague Carol Brink will receive a major Nursing Research Award in November. This is the Fourth Doris Schwartz Award given by the Gerontological Society of America in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute of Geriatric Nursing "in recognition of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research". Among their accomplishments in research on urinary incontinence (UI) for which they are being recognized include the following: They were the first researchers ever funded by the National Institutes of Health to study this problem. They founded the first Continence Clinic in the United States to treat and study UI. They were the first to direct attention to behavioral approaches to incontinence management and treatment. They were the first to conduct research on these approaches. They directed the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research task force to state in the UI Clinical Practice Guideline that behavioral interventions should be viewed as the first line of therapy, thus dramatically influencing clinical policy and practice. They created the first clinical measurement tool for pelvic muscle strength used by clinicians and researchers to assess pelvic muscle strength in the treatment of stress UI. They defined the research strategy to be used to assess multiple outcomes in UI trials. They taught and supported the development of most of today's leading researchers in UI. In short they were the pioneers in UI research that began it all. And they have continued to shape clinical policy, practice, and research for the past two decades.

Congratulations Thelma from all of us!

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Our 40th reunion will be upon us shortly! Please reserve the weekend of September 26, 27, and 28th for MGH Homecoming and our 40th reunion. We are trying to get in touch with all classmates and an update on those who might not be able to make it. Send names, addresses, e-mail addresses to:

Barbara (Podgurski) Dunderdale, 62 Carolina Trail ,Marshfield, MA 02050
e-mail: bdunderdale@msn.com

We are looking for "lost" folks so include all you know. The following is a partial list.
Missing and wanted.....
Margaret O'Neil Aliosi
Ann Demorest Anderson

Carol Anton
Judy Bain
Ann Arter Barclay
Carol Bond
Carolyn Cook Booth
Sylvia Boyce Cederholm
Carol Odabashin Cetnar
Sandra Fox Charles
Kendra Swanson Davidson
Ann Moore Defina
Joann Margetson Diggs
Patricia Walsh Donoghue
Carolyn Eldridge
Karole Fasano
Theresa Grant Fischer
Olive Perkins Fortier
Elaine Bartlett Gibbons
Ann Demarini Gibbons
Lorraine Gelinas Hardenbrook
Mary Hawn
Eugenia Riordan Holbrook
Carol Cronin Hooper
Nancy Garis Hudgings
Nancy Sears Jones

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship

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1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. At the end of the semester, passing grades must be submitted showing the completion of course.

Name of Applicant _____
(last) _____ (first) _____ (middle/maiden) _____

Present Address _____

Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or IHP _____ State currently registered in _____

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Tuition needed for course or semester _____ credits _____

Attending full or part time? _____ total credits earned to date _____

Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

What degree are you working towards in Nursing? _____ other field? _____

What are your future plans in Nursing? _____

Education other than MGH/IHP

College/University	Address	Dates Attended	Credits/Degrees
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Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH/IHP: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or IHP school records, if necessary.

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Annabella McCrae Loan Fund Application

The Loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum not to exceed \$8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund is available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant: _____
(last) _____ (first) _____ (middle/maiden) _____

Present Address: _____
(number and street) _____

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____

How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

What College/University are you planning to attend? _____

Cost of course _____ Credits _____

What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

Will your degree be in nursing? _____ If not, in what? _____

What degree are you working toward _____

What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed.

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

_____ (signature of applicant)

_____ (date)

Public Law 93383 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school record. Signing of this application gives the committee chairman permission to look at your MGH school of nursing record, if necessary.

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